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(d) The performance of the company is dependent on various factors. During the last three years, Coal India Limited (CIL) have recorded growth in coal production consistently:—

Year	Production (million tonnes)
1998-1999	256.48
1999-2000	260.58
2000-2001	268.26 (Provisional)
2001-2002	279.00 (Target)

There has also been considerable reduction of manpower in CIL during the last three years:-

Date	Number of employees
1.4.1999	5,86,882
1.4.2000	5,62,071
1.4.2001	5,42,051

SCCL has been able to achieve a saving of Rs. 27 crores per year as a result of reduction in Playday/Paid Holiday and overtime allowances.

Multi-crore scam in BCCL

1090. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a multicrore scam of sending coal rakes loaded in Jeenagora colliery for Panki Thermal Power Station in U.P. containing large percentage of stones and boulders involving Bharat Coking Coal Limited, has recently come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Coal is being supplied to Panki Thermal Power Station (TPS) from different coal mines of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) including Jeenagora colliery. Quality/Grade slippage from the booked grade has taken

place in case of certain rakes supplied from Jeenagora colliery to Panki TPS but the payment has been made on the basis of sampling of coal being carried out jointly in presence of the representatives of power house and BCCL.

CIL's request for purchase of power from NTPC

1091. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd., has requested Government to allow it to purchase power directly from National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to amend the Electricity Act for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To ensure reliable source of supply at reasonable tariffs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Curtailing employees of Coal India Limited

†1092. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to curtail the number of employees of Coal India Limited on the basis of the Report of the Expenditure Commission;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the total number of employees in Coal India Limited at present

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.